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Raised Bill No. 112

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' OVERSIGHT OF THE SOUTHEAST
AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-273c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of
4 directors chosen from among the electors of the constituent
5 municipalities as follows: Each municipality shall have at least one
6 director. Municipalities with a population, according to the most
7 recent federal census, from twenty-five thousand to one hundred
8 thousand, inclusive, shall have two directors. Municipalities with a
9 population over one hundred thousand shall have four directors. The
10 directors shall be appointed for terms of four years, except that, in
11 municipalities having more than one director, one-half of those first
12 appointed shall serve for two years and one-half for four years, their
13 successors to serve for four years each. Any municipality in respect to
14 which a vacancy on the board occurs shall fill it for the unexpired
15 portion of the term. Section 9-167a shall apply to the appointment of

16 the directors representing each municipality. The directors shall be
 17 appointed by the elected chief executive of a city or borough, the board
 18 of selectmen in the case of a municipality in which the legislative body
 19 is a town meeting or by the board of selectmen of a town with the
 20 approval of the legislative body. Notwithstanding the provisions of
 21 this section, directors appointed from any municipality which is a
 22 member, or becomes a member, of any transit district in existence on
 23 May 18, 1972, shall be appointed by the legislative body of each
 24 municipality or the board of selectmen in the case of a municipality in
 25 which the legislative body is a town meeting. The population of each
 26 municipality according to the most recent federal census shall be
 27 divided by the number of directors representing such municipality.
 28 Each member of the board of directors shall be entitled to cast that
 29 number of voting units which is the multiple of the population [he]
 30 such member represents, rounded to the nearest one hundred. [, is of
 31 the smallest population represented by a member, rounded to the
 32 nearest one hundred.] The directors shall meet at least four times
 33 annually or more often on the call of the chairman and shall elect
 34 officers from among [their number] the members. They may adopt
 35 bylaws and rules for the conduct of the affairs of the district. They shall
 36 appoint and fix the salary of a district manager, who shall be the chief
 37 executive officer of the district, and such other employees as are
 38 required for district purposes. Each officer or employee of such district
 39 who is the repository or custodian of any funds of such district shall
 40 give such bond as is required by the board of directors, with sufficient
 41 surety, conditioned on the faithful discharge of his duties. The
 42 premium upon such bond shall be paid by the district.

43 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of this section, the Southeastern
 44 Connecticut Council of Governments shall serve as the oversight
 45 authority over the board of any transit district serving the
 46 municipalities within the boundaries of the Southeastern Connecticut
 47 Council of Governments' planning region. The Southeastern
 48 Connecticut Council of Governments may appoint three directors,
 49 each of whom may be a member of the Southeastern Connecticut

50 Council of Governments, to said transit district's board of directors.
 51 The executive director of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of
 52 Governments, or the executive director's designee, shall serve as an ex-
 53 officio, nonvoting member of said board. The Southeastern
 54 Connecticut Council of Governments may ratify the appointment of
 55 the district manager of said transit district; the selection of the certified
 56 public accountant to conduct the annual audit of the accounts, books
 57 and records of said transit district; and the adoption of the annual
 58 budget and of the annual audit of said transit district.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-273c
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments with oversight over the Southeast Area Transit District.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]